



Tayside and Central Scotland  
Transport Partnership

## **Sustainable Travel Grant scheme**

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Tactran (Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Partnership) this week launched its Sustainable Travel Grant scheme, coinciding with European Mobility Week and National Travelwise Week.

Initially, the pilot grant funding scheme is open to Councils, Health Boards and Universities/Colleges in the Tactran Region, who are looking to promote and implement workplace travel plans. Workplace facilities for cyclists and walkers, public transport information and access to employer car sharing databases are all examples of projects the grant scheme is aiming to encourage.

Eligible bodies are being invited to submit applications for assistance in implementing new workplace travel projects, with grants of up to £5,000 on offer. Ideally bids will be 50% match funded by the applying body, but bids for higher proportions of match funding or higher amounts will be considered. The scheme is being launched using funding provided to Tactran by the Scottish Government, to encourage more sustainable travel measures by public sector employers.

Chair of Tactran, Councillor Fraser Macpherson said: "The Sustainable Travel Grant scheme is being launched as part of our commitment to working with public and private sector bodies to encourage greater use of workplace travel plans, supporting our Regional Transport Strategy aims and objectives of reducing congestion, improving the environment and giving employees alternatives to the all too common drive-alone commute to work. Earlier this year we launched our lift-sharing database, [www.tactranliftshare.com](http://www.tactranliftshare.com), which enables people to search for, and set up, their own car-sharing arrangements. This scheme seeks to build on that initiative by offering assistance to major public sector employers in the region to introduce other options for easing the commute.

"The pilot scheme will operate for the remainder of 2007/08 and we very much hope that Councils, Health Boards and Higher Education bodies will take up the challenge of developing suitable proposals we can support. If successful, I am sure we will want to explore the potential for expanding the scheme to include other major public and private sector employers in future years. "

Further information on Tactran's Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme can be obtained by contacting Merry Scott, Tactran Travel Plan Officer, on 01738 475772.